

What is claimed is:

1. A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing and a second housing, said first housing and said second housing overlapping each other;

a coupling section which couples said first housing
5 and second housing to each other at their end portions so that said first and second housings are relatively rotatable around a shaft which passes through said first and second housings;

an operation section provided on a second housing
10 surface, which faces said first housing;

a display section provided on a surface of a first side of said first housing, said surface being opposite to a second side of said first housing, said second side facing said second housing; and

15 a control section which controls said display section,

wherein said portable terminal unit is in a closed state when said first housing and said second housing are overlapped and said portable terminal unit is in an opened
20 state when said operation section is exposed to outside by clockwise or counterclockwise rotation of said first housing from the closed state, and

said control section controls to display a first screen on said display section when said first housing is rotated in relation to said second housing clockwise from the closed state, and controls to display a second screen
5 on said display section when said first housing is rotated in relation to said second housing counterclockwise from the closed state.

2. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
10 wherein said first screen and said second screen are different screens based on different applications.

3. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
wherein said control section, in the closed state,
15 controls to display a standby mode screen on said display section, and

said control section, in the opened state, controls to display an address book screen for one of said first screen and said second screen, and display a menu selecting
20 screen for another of said first screen and said second screen.

4. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
wherein said control section, in the closed state,

controls to display an address book screen on said display section, and

said control section, in the opened state, controls to display a screen during call-making for one of said first screen and said second screen, and display a mail creating screen for another of said first screen and said second screen.

5. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
10 wherein said control section, in the closed state, controls to display an address book screen on said display section, and

said control section, in the opened state, controls to display a screen during call-making for one of said first screen and said second screen, and display a received mail box screen for another of said first screen and said second screen.

6. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
20 wherein said control section, in the closed state, controls to display a received mail box screen on said display section, and

said control section, in the opened state, controls to display a screen during call-making for one of said

first screen and said second screen, and display a mail creating screen for another of said first screen and said second screen.

- 5 7. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
 wherein said control section, in the closed state,
 controls to display an incoming-call history screen on said
 display section, and

 said control section, in the opened state, controls
10 to display a screen during call-making for one of said
 first screen and said second screen, and display a mail
 creating screen for another of said first screen and said
 second screen.

- 15 8. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
 wherein said control section, in the closed state,
 controls to display an image reproduction screen to
 reproduce an image on said display section, and

 said control section, in the opened state, controls
20 to display an image editing screen for one of said first
 screen and said second screen, and display a mail creating
 screen to create a mail to which an image is automatically
 attached for another of said first screen and said second
 screen.

9. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
wherein said portable terminal is a mobile telephone.

5 10. The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,
wherein said portable terminal is a personal digital
assistant.

11. A portable terminal unit comprising:

10 a first housing and a second housing, said first
housing and said second housing overlapping each other;

a coupling section which couples said first housing
and second housing to each other at their end portions so
that said first and second housings are relatively
15 rotatable around a shaft which passes through said first
and second housings;

an operation section provided on a second housing
surface, which faces said first housing;

a display section provided on a surface of a first
20 side of said first housing, said surface being opposite to
a second side of said first housing, said second side
facing said second housing;

a control section which controls said display
section; and

a storing section in which data of a plurality of applications are stored,

wherein said portable terminal unit is in a closed state when said first housing and said second housing are overlapped and said portable terminal unit is in an opened state when said operation section is exposed to outside by clockwise or counterclockwise rotation of said first housing from the closed state, and

said control section starts a first application by reading data of the first application from said storing section and controls to display the first screen corresponding to the first application on said display section when said first housing is rotated in relation to said second housing clockwise from the closed state, and starts a second application by reading data of the second application from said storing section and controls to display the second screen corresponding to the second application on said display section when said first housing is rotated in relation to said second housing counterclockwise from the closed state.

12. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11, wherein when said portable terminal unit is put in the opened state from the closed state that has a standby mode

screen displayed on said display section, one of said first screen and said second screen becomes an address book screen and another of said first screen and said second screen becomes a menu selecting screen.

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13. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11, wherein when said portable terminal unit is put in the opened state from the closed state that has an address book screen displayed on said display section, one of said first
10 screen and said second screen becomes a screen during call-making and another of said first screen and said second screen becomes a mail creating screen.

14. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11,
15 wherein when said portable terminal unit is put in the opened state from the closed state that has an address book screen displayed on said display section, one of said first screen and said second screen becomes a screen during call-making and another of said first screen and said second
20 screen becomes a received mail box screen.

15. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11, wherein when said portable terminal unit is put in the opened state from the closed state that has a received mail

box screen displayed on said display section, one of said first screen and said second screen becomes a screen during call-making and another of said first screen and said second screen becomes a mail creating screen.

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16. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11, wherein when said portable terminal unit is put in the opened state from the closed state that has an incoming-call history screen displayed on said display section, one
10 of said first screen and said second screen becomes a screen during call-making and another of said first screen and said second screen becomes a mail creating screen.

17. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11,
15 wherein when said portable terminal unit is put in the opened state from the closed state that has an image reproduction screen to reproduce an image on said display section, one of said first screen and said second screen becomes an image editing screen and another of said first
20 screen and said second screen becomes a mail creating screen to create a mail to which an image is automatically attached.

18 The portable terminal unit according to claim 11,
wherein said portable terminal is a mobile telephone.

19. The portable terminal unit according to claim 11,
5 wherein said portable terminal is a personal digital
assistant.